

and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality State Implementation Plans, Louisiana; Correction" (FRL6116-8) received on June 23, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5720. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding air quality regulations for volatile organic compounds in Pennsylvania (FRL6104-4) received on June 23, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5721. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the establishment of an account for contributions to defray the costs of U.S. operations in Southwest Asia; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5722. A communication from the Acting Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, the report of an updated compilation of historical information and statistics regarding proposed and enacted rescissions through October 1, 1997; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, and to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-5723. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Official Testing Service for Corn Oil, Protein, and Starch" (RIN0580-AA62) received on June 23, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5724. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tolerances for Moisture Meters" (RIN0580-AA60) received on June 23, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5725. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5726. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's annual report for fiscal year 1997; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5727. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of a certification regarding a proposed transfer of major defense equipment between Kuwait and Brazil (RSAT-2-98) received on June 24, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5728. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Spain regarding amphibious assault vehicles (DTC80-98) received on June 24, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5729. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Turkey regarding a thermal surveillance system (DTC72-98) received on June 24, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5730. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, De-

partment of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Japan regarding certain missile systems (DTC75-98) received on June 24, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5731. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Germany regarding aircraft engine parts (DTC81-98) received on June 24, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5732. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Germany regarding a tank fire control system (DTC84-98) received on June 24, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5733. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, notice of the certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Germany regarding a missile system interface simulator (DTC73-98) received on June 24, 1998; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5734. A communication from the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Commercial Nuclear Fuel from U.S. and Russian Surplus Defense Inventories: Materials, Policies, and Market Effects"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-497. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 482

Whereas, section 5536 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Public Law 105-33, amended Federal law to require each state to have in place laws requiring applicants for recreational licenses (hunting and fishing) to provide their Social Security numbers; and

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has implemented this Federal mandate through the amendatory act of December 16, 1997 (P.L. 549, No. 58), to Title 23; and

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania strongly supports all effective mechanisms to encourage payment of child support obligations; and

Whereas, requiring applicants for hunting and fishing licenses to provide their Social Security numbers does not appear to enhance effective enforcement of child support obligations inasmuch as hunting and fishing license records are not retrievable by reference to the Social Security numbers; and

Whereas, the vast majority of hunting and fishing licenses are not sold by government agencies but are sold by private businesses ranging in size from large department stores to small bait and outdoor shops; and

Whereas, imposing the requirements to collect Social Security number information on the businesses that sell hunting and fishing licenses unduly complicate the license issuance transaction; and

Whereas, many purchasers of hunting and fishing licenses object to disclosure of their Social Security numbers to the private businesses that sell these licenses; and

Whereas, the legitimate privacy concerns expressed by many purchasers of hunting and fishing licenses from private businesses need to be addressed; and

Whereas, collection of Social Security numbers from applicants for hunting and fishing licenses does not aid in effective enforcement of child support obligations but does unduly inconvenience both the sellers and purchasers of these licenses and raises legitimate concerns about protection of personal information, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to eliminate the requirement that states must require applicants for hunting and fishing licenses to provide their Social Security numbers.

POM-498. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 381

Whereas, costs borne by the taxpayers of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for long-term care under Medicaid exceed more than \$500 million per fiscal year; and

Whereas, the costs of providing care for persons who can no longer take care of themselves have skyrocketed, with a national average of \$38,000 per year for a nursing home stay and with costs as high as \$50,000 in metropolitan areas like Philadelphia hitting the middle class particularly hard; and

Whereas, these costs to the Commonwealth will increase because of the demands of our aging population and the fact that baby boomers will soon be reaching retirement age; and

Whereas, a Pennsylvania solution to allow middle class Pennsylvanians to exempt for Medicaid eligibility, assets as a result of a purchase of private sector long-term care insurance so as to reduce the eventual costs borne by taxpayers for their care is stymied by section 1902(r)(2) of the Social Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. §1396a(r)(2)) which prohibits such shielding; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation repealing section 1902(r)(2) of the Social Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. §1396a(r)(2)); and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-499. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 352

Whereas, the policy of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is to assure the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

Whereas, an adequate supply of tax-exempt private activity bond volume cap is essential and critically important in financing affordable, decent first-time homeownership opportunities in this State and the nation and serves other critically important purposes that contribute to the well-being of the citizens of this Commonwealth; and

Whereas, an adequate supply of low-income housing tax credits is essential and critically important to financing affordable, decent rental housing units that contribute to the well-being of the citizens of this Commonwealth; and

Whereas, the Congress of the United States, in the Tax Reform Code of 1986, established restrictions on tax-exempt private activity municipal bonds that imposed a limit, based on each state's population, not

to exceed the greater of \$50 per capita or \$150,000,000 per calendar year but failed to include an automatic inflationary multiplier to ensure that the purchasing power of this resource did not become diminished; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania's relatively small growth in population has limited the amount of tax-exempt private activity bonds available, thus leading to an inadequate amount to meet the tax-exempt private activity financing demands of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its agencies and political subdivisions; and

Whereas, the Congress, in the Tax Reform Code of 1986, established restrictions on the low-income housing tax credit that imposed a limit based on each state's population to be equal to \$1.25 per capita per calendar year but failed to include an automatic inflationary multiplier to ensure that the purchasing power of this resource did not become diminished; and

Whereas, since 1987 the effects of annual inflation have diluted the purchasing power of these housing and economic development efforts by 40%, thereby reducing the real value of private activity bonds from \$600,000,000 in 1987 to only \$360,000,000 in 1997 and reducing the real value of Pennsylvania's share of low-income housing tax credits from \$1.25 per capita in 1987 to only \$0.75 per capita in 1997; and

Whereas, losing \$240,000,000 in the real value of tax-exempt private activity bonding resource along with \$0.50 of annual per capita credits from the low-income housing tax credit resource has greatly impaired the ability of this State and the nation to provide affordable housing and job opportunities by reducing nearly in half the number of single-family housing units and multifamily housing units available and affordable to first-time homebuyers and renters in Pennsylvania and has reduced the ability of its agencies and political subdivisions to provide economic stimulation; and

Whereas, if the State and its agencies and political subdivisions continue to be unable to provide levels of tax-exempt private activity bond financing and low-income housing tax credit financing for these purposes, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will be further grievously damaged; therefore be it

Resolved (the Senate concurring). That the General Assembly memorialize Congress to increase immediately the tax-exempt private activity volume cap and the allocation of low-income housing tax credits available to each state, including Pennsylvania, to levels that would fully restore the tax-exempt private activity bond volume cap purchasing power and the low-income housing tax credit purchasing power of each state, including Pennsylvania, to levels that would offset the diluted effects of inflation since 1987 and to index increases for these resources to inflation in future years; and be it further

Resolved. That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-500. A resolution adopted by the Town of Bourne, Massachusetts relative to contamination of the Campbell Elementary School on the Mass Military Reservation; to the Committee on Appropriations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 627. A bill to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act (Rept. No. 105-222).

S. 2090. A bill to extend the authority of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to collect fees through 2003, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-223).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 2095. A bill to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (Rept. No. 105-224).

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1482. A bill to amend section 223 of the Communications Act of 1934 to establish a prohibition on commercial distribution on the World Wide Web of material that is harmful to minors, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-225).

S. 1619. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to study systems for filtering or blocking matter on the Internet, to require the installation of such a system on computers in schools and libraries with Internet access, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-226).

By Mr. CHAFEE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 39. A bill to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act.

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments and with a preamble:

S. Res. 240. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to democracy and human rights in the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1976. A bill to increase public awareness of the plight of victims of crime with developmental disabilities, to collect data to measure the magnitude of the problem, and to develop strategies to address the safety and justice needs of victims of crime with developmental disabilities.

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 97. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress concerning the human rights and humanitarian situation facing the women and girls of Afghanistan.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

William Lloyd Massey, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2003. (Reappointment)

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that he be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

By Mr. D'AMATO, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

Michael J. Copps, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Awilda R. Marquez, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

John D. Kelly, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth circuit.

Dan A. Polster, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Robert G. James, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

Ralph E. Tyson, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

Raner Christercunean Collins, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed, subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Russell J. Anarde, 0781
Col. Anthony W. Bell, 4246
Col. Robert Damon Bishop, Jr., 9524
Col. Marion E. Callender, Jr., 6380
Col. Kevin P. Chilton, 6603
Col. Trudy H. Clark, 2591
Col. Richard L. Comer, 4255
Col. Craig R. Cooning, 4416
Col. John D.W. Corley, 9553
Col. David A. Deptula, 6792
Col. Gary R. Dylewski, 7306
Col. Edward R. Ellis, 9696
Col. Leonard D. Fox, 1435
Col. Terry L. Gabreski, 2941
Col. Jonathan S. Graton, 9630
Col. Michael A. Hamel, 2699
Col. William F. Hodgkins, 0138
Col. John L. Hudson, 5860
Col. David L. Johnson, 8568
Col. Walter I. Jones, 8782
Col. Daniel P. Leaf, 9223
Col. Paul J. Lebras, 9625
Col. Richard B.H. Lewis, 1265
Col. Stephen P. Luebbert, 9120
Col. Dale W. Meyerrose, 1611
Col. David L. Moody, 4219
Col. Quentin L. Peterson, 7151
Col. Douglas J. Richardson, 2865
Col. Ben T. Robinson, 7005
Col. John W. Rosa, Jr., 3351
Col. James G. Roudebush, 9187
Col. Ronald F. Sams, 5888
Col. Stanley A. Sieg, 3623
Col. James B. Smith, 5309
Col. Joseph B. Sovey, 2815
Col. Lawrence H. Stevenson, 8269
Col. Robert P. Summers, 8833
Col. Peter U. Sutton, 9325
Col. Donald J. Wetekam, 0322
Col. William M. Wilson, Jr., 9364

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Charles T. Robertson, Jr., 8691

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Walter S. Hogle, Jr., 6057

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601: